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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

File No. 7732

Section 1, Special Branch
REPORT
Date March 6, 1941.

Subject Communication dated 3-3-41 from the British Consulate-General concerning Mr. M.P. Rozmahoff.

Made by D.S.I. Prokofiev. Forwarded by



Enquiries show that Mihail Filippovich (Michael Philipp) ROZMAHOFF is a Russian who was born on September 21, 1894 at Briansk, Orel Province, Russia. He is reported to be an ex-officer of the Russian Army and to have seen active service during the great war. In 1918 he was sent to Toronto, Canada, to undergo a course of training in the local school for aviation. Upon graduating from this school he returned to Russia and served in Admiral Kolchak's Army in Siberia. According to his own statement, he was taken prisoner by the "reds" in December, 1920, but subsequently succeeded to make good his escape from Soviet Russia to Manchuria in April, 1922. From 1922 to 1929 he was employed with Lopato Sons, Ltd., Tobacco and Cigarette Manufacturers, in Harbin, after which he left for Shanghai, arriving here in May, 1929. Here he joined the Tobacco Products Corporation (China), with which he worked until 1933. From 1933 to 1935 he was employed with Wha Mei Tobacco Coy, Ltd (a Chinese concern), and since 1935 has been employed with the Universal Leaf Tobacco Co. of China (Lien Hwa Leaf Tobacco Co.), No. 1 The Bund.

In 1937 he is reported to have made a trip to Java in accordance with an agreement made between the Universal Leaf Tobacco Co. and Mr. J. Pouderoyen, a Director of the Cigarette factory "Industria" at Batavia, who came to Shanghai for a short visit. Mr. Rozmahoff, it is reported, left for Java together with Mr. Pouderoyen on 3-6-37 per the s.s. "Tjisadane" to work with

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the cigarette factory "Industria" for several months in order to arrange the making of Virginia cigarettes.

Returning to Shanghai some time towards the end of 1937 or early in 1938 he left for Tsingtao some time during the summer of 1938 to work with the Tsingtao branch of the Universal Leaf Tobacco Co, 16 Taku Road. Since that time he is known to have visited Shanghai on two or three occasions, his latest arrival here being on 10-12-40. He gives his local address as c/o the Universal Leaf Tobacco Co, 218 Yulin Road. On 26-2-41 he applied at the Russian Emigrants Committee for a passport to enable him to proceed to Tsingtao.

He is married and has one daughter 14 years of age. Mrs Kozmahoff (Alexandra Hansovna nee Vittenberg, born 25-5-1903 at Miga) and her daughter reside at Tsingtao.

While in Shanghai Mr. Kozmahoff did not come to Police notice.



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Dear Mr. Cox,

With reference to your letter dated
March 3, 1941, I forward herewith a copy of a
Police report regarding Mr. M. F. Rozmahoff.

Yours sincerely,

Sent
7/3/41

E. J. Harman
Assistant Commissioner
(Special Branch)

A. T. Cox, Esq.,
British Consulate-General,
Shanghai.

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British Consulate General,
SHANGHAI.

3rd March, 1941.

Dear Mr. Sharman,

I enclose herein
a copy of a letter from Mr. M. P.
Rozmahoff and should be grateful
for any information you can give
me regarding him.

~~Yours sincerely,~~

Mr. V. Sharman,
Assistant Commissioner,
Shanghai Municipal Police,
SHANGHAI.

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Universal Leaf Tobacco Co. of China.

February 24th, 1941.

British Consul General,
Shanghai.

Sir,

I beg to inform you about the following:

I am Captain Michael Philipp Rozmahoff, Russian Emigr. In 1918 I was attached to Royal Air Force in Canada, where I have finished the Aviation School and after that, happening that Armistice broke out, I returned back to Russia, to join White Army, and after defeat came to China. The papers concerning this period, Passport from British Consulate General in Vladivostok, Passport from Russian Consul General in San Francisco, the Certificate from Royal Air Force Head Quarters in Toronto and the log books from School I used to keep in secure place in Shanghai. Being absent from Shanghai for several years, I recently returned and found out that all overmentioned papers were stolen by unknown person.

Seeing no other reason for theft as to use the papers and my name for some benefit of impostor, I take the liberty of asking you to inform those organisations where the papers may be used, about the case and warn them that if anybody present himself under my name he should be accepted as impostor, and, if possible, retained and the papers taken away and returned to me.

I would be much obliged if you acknowledge the receipt of this letter and give me your advise about the case.

Yours very truly,

(sgd) M. P. Rozmahoff.

No.1792.

SHANGHAI.

31st May 1939 .

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Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of today No.D.7932, concerning Mr.Michael Philipp Rozmahoff and to thank you for the information contained therein.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,



Consul.



Major K.M.Bourne,
Officer i/c Special Branch,
Shanghai Municipal Police,

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Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter No. 1704, dated 26th May, 1937, and in reply, to inform you that there is nothing in Municipal Police records detrimental to the character of Mr. Michael Philipp Rozmahoff. A copy of report on this individual is attached herewith for your information.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sd) K. M. Bourne.

Deputy Commissioner
(Special Branch)

J. Van den Berg, Esq.,
Consul,
Netherlands Consulate-General,
Shanghai.

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REPORT

Date. May 31, 1937.

Subject Communication dated 26-5-37 from the Netherlands Consulate-General concerning Mr. M. Ph. ROZMAHOFF

Made by D.S.I. Prokofiev

Forwarded by *Legation*

Enquiries show that Michael Philipp ROZMAHOFF is a Russian who was born on September 21, 1894, at Briansk, Orel Government, Russia. He is reported to be an ex-officer of the Russian Army and to have seen active service during the Great War. In 1918 he was sent to Toronto, Canada, to undergo a course of training in the local school for aviation. Upon graduating from this school he returned to Russia and served in Admiral Kolchak's Army in Siberia. According to his own statement he was taken prisoner by the Reds in December, 1920, but subsequently succeeded to make good his escape from Soviet Russia to Manchuria in April, 1922. From 1922 to 1929 he was employed with Lopato Sons, Ltd., Tobacco and Cigarette Manufacturers, in Harbin, after which he left for Shanghai arriving here in May, 1929. Here he joined the Tobacco Products Corporation, (China), with which he worked until 1933. From 1933 to 1935 he was employed with Wha Mei Tobacco Co. Ltd., (Chinese concern). Since 1935 he has been employed with Lien Hwa Leaf Tobacco Co., (Fed. Inc. U.S.A.), I. The Bund.

Rozmahoff is registered with the Russian Emigrants' Committee, 118/1 Moulmein Road and resides at 130 Mac Gregor Road, House 5.

His wife, Mrs. A.H. Rozmahoff, 34, from whom he separated about three years ago, at present resides at Tsingtao together with their daughter, 11 years of age.

Nothing detrimental is known by this office against this individual.

G. Prokofiev
D. S. I.

D. C. (Special Branch)

No. 1704.

SHANGHAI.

26th May 1937.

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that Mr. Michael Philipp ROZMAHOFF has applied to this Consulate for a visé for admission into the Netherlands Indies

He is in possession of a Certificate of Registration No. 6078, issued at Shanghai on the 18th December 1936.

According to this certificate he was born in Orel Russia in 1894

Mr. Rozmahoff arrived in North China (Harbin) in 1922 and resides in Shanghai since 1929. He lives at the present at 130 Mac Gregor Road.

He has been working with the Wha Mei Cigarette Company and is now employed by the Universal Leaf Tobacco Co. 1 The Bund.

Between the Universal Leaf Tobacco Co. and Mr J Pouderoyen, a Director of the Cigarette factory "Industria" at Batavia, who is temporarily visiting Shanghai, an agreement has been made whereby Mr. Rozmahoff will leave for Java in company of Mr Pouderoyen on the 3rd June 1937 (s.s. "Tjisadane") and work with the Cigarette factory "Industria" for about three or four months in order to arrange the making of Virginia cigarettes. Afterwards he will return to Shanghai.

Mr. Rozmahoff will apply for a Chinese passport valid for the Netherlands Indies, Siam, Indo-China and the Malay States.

I should be much obliged to you if you would let me know, if possible, whether anything is known against this person from a political or moral point of view.

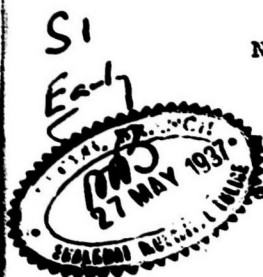
I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,


Consul.

Major K. M. Bourne,
Officer i/o Special Branch,
Shanghai Municipal Police,

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